

To the FCC:

Our local station, KGAN, is being forced by Sinclair Broadcasting to air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election. This action shows the folly of media consolidation. It also shows that they do not care about local interests or trust local program managers to choose what is right for the audience. I suspect it also means that Sinclair thinks Iowans are too dumb to know the difference. Guess what. We're not.

Sinclair uses our public airwaves free of charge, and SHOULD BE required by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the PUBLIC airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. I am not interested in KGAN's bottom line. I am interested in truth and news.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The station should operate as a public utility, not a huge advertisement for conservatives.

Here's the truth: We permit them to use our airwaves. In return we ask for the straight truth. That should not be considered too much to ask.

Thank you,
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